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SUBJECT: U.S. NAVY PORT VISITS TO COLOMBO AND MALE

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1. IN PRINCIPLE, WE AGREE RECOMMENDED FREQUENCY OF U.S.
NAVAL VISITS TO COLOMBO AND MALE IS DESIRABLE BUT THAT
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IMPACT OF VISITS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY MONITORED IN ORDER

TO AVOID PLACING MORE FREIGHT ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH
TWO COUNTRIES THAN TRAFFIC CAN BEAR.

2. WITHIN THIS CONTEXT, WE ENDORSE PROPOSAL TO TRY TO
SCHEDULE ONE SHIP VISIT PER YEAR TO MALDIVES AND A
VISIT APPROXIMATELY EVERY OTHER MONTH TO COLOMBO.
HOWEVER, PROPOSED FREQUENCY OF VISITS, PARTICULARLY
BI-MONTHLY CALLS AT COLOMBO, MAY SLIP FROM TIME TO
TIME, BECAUSE CINCPACFLT AND COMMIDEASTFOR VISITS TO
SRI LANKA-MALDIVES AREA CANNOT NECESSARILY BE
SYNCHRONIZED TO THIS SCHEDULE. INGERSOLL

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